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Acton Historical Commission
Minutes of Public Hearing for 84 Willow Street
March 12, 2014, 8:00 p.m.
Acton Town Hall, Rm. 126

AHC Members Present: Bill Dickinson (BD), Victoria Beyer (VB), Brad Maxwell (BM), Katie Green (KG)
Members of the Public: Brad Graham, Jane Morris and Wilford Neptune (applicants), Sukhjinder Bajwa (abutter)

1. BD opened the hearing at 8:00 p.m. and invited the applicants to describe their proposed demolition.
2. The applicants first explained that the demolition permit is to remove and replace an existing garage at the property. The garage has extensive termite damage, is in unsafe for use (has been since before applicants purchased the property over 20 years ago) and cannot be insured because of its condition. The applicants seek to construct a new, 2-car garage with better site grading. The applicants presented pictures showing the condition of the existing garage, in lieu of a site visit by the Commission.
3. A neighbor of the applicants shared that the garage has been in this unsafe and unusable condition under the previous owner, too.
4. The Commission inquired about the applicants' willingness to design a new building that is consistent with the historical character of the house, and expressed a preference that such a design be pursued. The Commission offered ideas and examples for such appropriate replacement garages.

Hearing adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Maxwell, clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Town Manager
Town Library
Historic District Commission